

## ABSTRACT

### Process for the Deprotection of Protected Thiols

5        The synthesis of peptides comprising disulphide bridges  
is challenging since it is difficult to ensure that the  
correct cysteine residues combine to form the desired  
disulphide bridges. The present invention describes novel  
protection techniques useful in the preparation of peptides.  
10 Described is a process for the deprotection of an AcM-, MBzl-  
and/or tBu-protected thiol which comprises reacting said  
protected thiol with an acid in the presence of an oxidising  
agent at a temperature sufficient to effect deprotection and  
generation of disulphide bonds.

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